



Disability Work

Why Study Disability Work?

Those with a desire to make a difference in the lives of people with disabilities are now being rewarded with greater recognition of their skills and innate qualities. The disability services area is filled with employers urgently seeking Disability Work graduates to enrich the lives of others in our community.

The industry attracts young and mature aged people, and both men and women – offering each an opportunity to work in a challenging and satisfying environment where they will be appreciated and offered a variety of work.

Graduates will enjoy a work routine which is not typically 9 to 5 but one which offers great flexibility. Workers in this field are able to enjoy a work/life balance, making it an attractive option for women with the demands of children and families. Men are also strongly encouraged to consider this career field as many people with disabilities are male.

Whether it is performing personal care work for an individual or a group of people in their own home, helping people with disabilities to find employment and supporting them on the job, or teaching people with disabilities how to socialise with others in their local community, Disability Work graduates will find many meaningful and life-giving opportunities in each and every work day.

Why Study Disability Work at West Coast TAFE?

- Staff at West Coast TAFE are very supportive of people who have not studied for a long time and recognise that study can be daunting for those returning to pursue their future goals
- There are no tests or exams within this course. It is assessed on work-based performance. Assessment is conducted using workplace observation, asking questions, written work (based at the same level required in the workplace), and from your workplace supervisor's feedback
- Courses are structured respecting that students' time is precious. Workshops are held monthly and are always interesting and relevant to the workplace learning
- Each student is assigned a lecturer to ensure they are given one-on-one support throughout the course. Students have the flexibility to telephone, email, or meet face to face with their assigned lecturer as often as they need
- Lecturing staff are professional, credible and have lots of hands-on, recent and relevant experience in the disability services field. They bring a range of workplace settings to their teaching including: Education Support, Employment, Alternatives to Employment, Leisure and Recreation, Residential Settings.

Courses	Career Opportunities
Certificate III Disability Work	This certificate offers a foundation in the industry and qualifies the graduate to work as: Support Worker; Personal Care Assistant; Disability Support Worker; Client Assistant; Community Support Worker; Residential Aid; In-Home Respite Carer.
Certificate IV Disability Work	Students graduating with this qualification can find employment as: Disability Support Officer; Disability Officer - Day Support; Social Trainer; Employment Co-ordinator; Local Area Co-ordinator; Senior Personal Care Assistant.
Diploma of Disability Work	The diploma offers opportunities for the graduate as: Case Manager; Co-ordinator; Local Area Co-ordinator; Manager; Program/Service Co-ordinator.

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